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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Lewis T. WILLIAMS et al.

Application No.: 10/779,543

Confirmation No.: 8423

Filed: February 12, 2004

Art Unit: 1637

For: GENE PRODUCTS DIFFERENTIALLY
EXPRESSED IN CANCEROUS CELLS AND
THEIR METHODS OF USE II

Examiner: A. M. Bertagna

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 15, 2009 (Paper No. 20091004), for which a response was due on January 15, 2010. On April 6, 2010, a Notice of Appeal was timely filed with a Petition and fee for a 3 months extension of time extending the deadline for a response to April 15, 2010. Filing of this Notice of Appeal set a deadline of June 6, 2010 for filing an Appeal Brief. Applicants now wish to re-enter prosecution and herewith file a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition and fee for a 2 months extension of time extending the deadline to August 6, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.